

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE MINNESOTA POWER 2012 POWERGRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT FOR THE PROJECT AND COMMITTING REVENUES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

CITY PROPOSAL:


RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement, substantially the same as that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, for city participation in the PowerGrant Pilot Program 2012 offered by Minnesota Power; that the revenues received from the PowerGrant Program are committed for energy efficiency projects and shall be deposited in Fund 257-015-4270 (Energy Management Fund, Administrative Services, Other Grants); and the following account is hereby established as the dedicated account for project expenses: Fund 257-015-5461 (Energy Management Fund, Administrative Services, Energy Efficiency Projects).

Approved:



Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:




Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes city participation in the 2012 PowerGrant Pilot Program established by Minnesota Power which provides increased energy rebates for entities that dedicate the rebated savings to energy efficiency projects. This resolution further establishes dedicated funding accounts for the project as required by GASB Accounting Standard 54.



PowerGrant Pilot Program – 2012
Attachment A

Energy Efficiency Account – PowerGrant Pilot Program Opportunity 2012

Minnesota Power (MP) recognizes the importance of offering programs that help ensure customers get the most for their energy dollars and that encourage customers to invest in energy efficiency projects. Through its Conservation Improvement Program (“CIP”), MP offers incentives based on energy and or demand savings¹. PowerGrant is the commercial component of MP’s CIP.

Pilot Program Description:

As an enhancement to the existing PowerGrant program and in order to promote ongoing investment in energy efficiency, MP is offering a pilot program opportunity for an increased incentive. To qualify for this pilot program, the customer must agree to establish and maintain a separate energy efficiency account where the incentive dollars earned through qualifying energy efficiency projects would accumulate for the purpose of funding future energy efficiency projects. (See Attachment A for examples of energy efficiency projects.) As part of the application process for this pilot, the customer must provide documentation regarding the account, how it will be established, how it may be accessed, who will have authorization to release funds, the process for releasing funds, and the related accounting process that will be used for tracking account activity and balance. MP may request verification of the account at any point during the pilot period. The pilot duration is twelve months and future renewal will be contingent on the results of the pilot. If the customer meets these terms, qualifying energy efficiency projects completed during the pilot period will be eligible for an additional 10% above the standard incentive amount.²

If you agree to these conditions, please sign and return this document along with a short description outlining the required components described above pertaining to the structure proposed for your energy efficiency account.

I agree to establish a system to retain and utilize rebates (incentives) from MP for additional local energy efficiency investments. Documentation is included with this form. I understand that MP may request verification regarding the energy efficiency account at any point during the course of this pilot.

Customer Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Contact # _____

Email: _____

Company: _____ MP Account #: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

MP Use:

Acceptance of Application: Yes _____ No _____

Date: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

¹ Minnesota Power, by providing rebate incentives, does not warrant any of the equipment installed. Minnesota Power is not responsible or liable for any personal injury or property damage caused by this equipment. Rebate incentives are subject to the availability of PowerGrant funds.

² Minnesota Power reserves the right to limit or end this pilot offering at anytime and in its sole discretion.